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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer
Serial No. 09/929,267	Filing Date: August 14, 2001
Title of Application:	Method Of Increasing The Boundary Layer Strength On Surfaces Of Workpieces Made Of Brittle Hard Materials
Conf. No. 9985	Art Unit: 1731
Examiner	John Hoffmann

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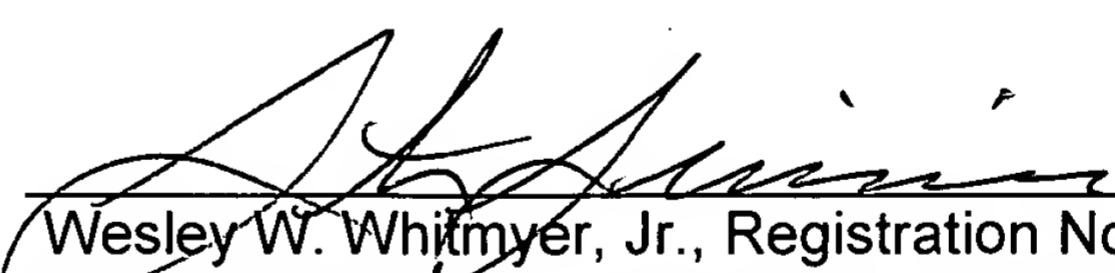
*Response Transmittal and*  
***Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])***

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Letter mailed on October 28, 2005.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$120.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.
4. Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$120.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

February 18, 2005

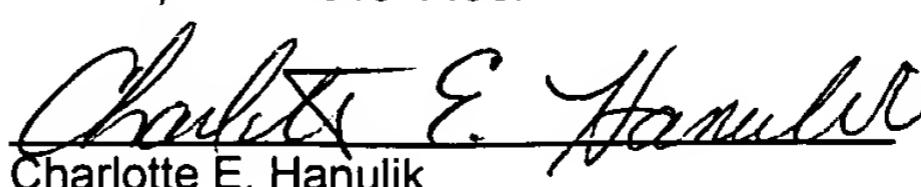
  
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